WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Task force on employment generation

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Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission has constituted another task force to identify sectors, sub-sectors and economic activities at the State level with a large potential for employment generation;

(b) if so, whether Planning Commission has asked States to bring about reforms in labour laws for optimum utilisation of the resources available in order to create employment opportunities;

(c) if so, to what extent this task force have been able to recommend the methodologies and procedures for the monitoring of employment and for gathering information; and

(d) to what extent the target set for employment in the Tenth Plan would be fully met?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) The Planning Commission has set up a Task Force on formulation of State level employment strategy, monitoring employment generation at state level and implementation of the employment related programmes and policies in the Tenth Plan by the State Governments. The terms of reference of Task Force are specified in the Order of the Planning Commission placed as Statement. (*See* below)

(b) Terms of reference of the Task Force do not include "reforms in labour laws".

(c) The Task Force has been asked to submit its report by March, 2004.

(d) The Government has not scaled down the target set for employment in the Tenth Plan.

Statement

Details of the terms of reference of Task Force

No. P-12049/14/03/LEM/ERS
Government of India
Planning Commission
(LEM Division)

Yojana Bhavan, Sansad Marg,
New Delhi, the 1st July, 2003

ORDER

Subject: Task force on Employment Strategies and Employment Monitoring at State Level

It has been decided to set up a Tast Force on formulation of State level employment strategy, monitoring employment generation at State level and implementation of the employment related programmes and policies in the Tenth Plan by the State Governments.

2. The terms of references will be as follows:

2.1 An indicative assessment of State-wise distribution of the five year target of 50 million employment opportunities,; (i) on the basis of information received from the States and (ii) utilizing States analysis of employment strategy.

2.2 To suggest changes, at State level, in (a) the school education and vocational training system; and (b) the labour hiring and manpower recruitment policies and procedures; so as to (i) reduce the mismatch between facilities for vocational training and demand for labour in the State; and (ii) to prepare the large number of 15+ youth passing out of schools at class VIII stage for gainful employment as and when they enter labour force.

2.2.2 To suggest modalities for strengthening the link between vocational training and employment at State and district level, particularly for the youth and women in Rural Areas.

2.3.1 To suggest guidelines for preparing an employment policy at State level.

2.3.2 To evolve, on consensus basis, the procedure of monitoring employment generation in the States so as to have an integrated holistic picture conforming to the Tenth Plan Employment strategy; and

2.3.3 To suggest a Nodal Department, in the State administration, responsible for employment and vocational training.

2.4 To recommend measures for strengthening of State level and district level statistical system(s) for estimating and/or enumerating the employment opportunities created at the level of households and/or economic establishments.

2.5 To recommend the measures to strengthen planning process on employment, at State level and at National level, towards:

2.5.1 Augmenting the creation of employment opportunities;

2.5.2 Improving the productivity and income of labour, particularly in the tiny, small and medium establishments;

2.5.3 Building in the direct and indirect employment creation through public sector projects and the programmes, as a target variable, in the project appraisal methodologies and procedures; and

2.5.4 Identifying the employment dimension of formulation and implementation of economic policies

2.6 To consider any other matter related with or incidental to above terms of reference.

3. The composition of the Task Force will be as follows:

Dr. S.P. Gupta, Member (LEM), Planning Commission	Chairman
I. State Governments	
Chief Minister, Government of Goa	Member
Eastern Region	
1. Planning Secretary (West Bengal)	Member
2. Planning Secretary (Orissa)	Member
Northern Region	
3. Planning Secretary (Uttar Pradesh)	Member
4. Planning Secretary (Punjab)	Member

Western Region	
5. Planning Secretary (Gujarat)	Member
6. Planning Secretary (Maharashtra)	Member
Southern Region	
7. Planning Secretary (Andhra Pradesh)	Member
8. Planning Secretary (Tamil Nadu)	Member
North Eastern Region	
9. Planning Secretary (Assam)	Member
II. Central Government Departments:	
10. Secretary, Planning Commission	Member
11. Secretary, Elementary Education & Literacy	Member
12. Secretary, Secondary & Higher Education	Member
13. Secretary, (Statistics)	Member
14. Secretary, (Labour)	Member
15. Secretary, (Agriculture & Cooperation)	Member
16. Secretary, (Rural Development)	Member
17. Secretary, (Urban Employment & Poverty Alleviation)	Member
18. Secretary, (SSI & A&RI)	Member
19. Secretary, (Textiles)	Member
20. Principal Adviser (LEM), Planning Commission	Member
III. Industry and Employers	
21—24 Four representatives of Chamber of Commerce, Industry, Small Scale Industry and Trade	Members
IV. Experts in related fields	
25. Chairman (KVIC)	Member
26. Dr. V. Kurian Or representative as alternate Member	Member
27. Representative of SEWA	Member
28. Shri Nanaji Deshmukh or a representative as alternate Member	Member
29. An Expert of Vocational Training	Member
30. Prof. Amitabh Kundu, JNU (Expert on employment)	Member

31. Prof. (Retd.) Ruddar Dutt (Expert on Labour) Member
32. Director (IAMR) Member
33. Adviser (LEM), Planning Commission Member-Secretary

4. Task Force may co-opt any other experts(s) as Member (s) of the Task Force.

5. The Chairman of the Task Force may invite specialist(s) to the meeting(s) of the Task Force.

6. The Task Force will submit its Report by March 2004. An Interim Report will be submitted by December 2003.

7. 'Labour, Employment & Manpower' Division in the Planning Commission will act as the Secretariat for the Task Force. In the Planning Commission, the Nodal Officer for the Task Force will be Mrs. Padmaja Mehta, Director (LEM), (Room No. 561, Yojana Bhawan, New Delhi. Telephone No. 23096541).

8. The expenses towards TA/DA of the official members will be met by respective Government Departments/Institutions, to which they belong. The TA/DA to non-official Members and invitees to meetings will be paid Planning Commission as admissible to Grade I Officers of the Government of India.

Sd/-
(T.R. Meena)
Director (Administration)

Copy to: Chairman,all the Members and Member-Secretary of the Task Force

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